

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows. A marked-up version of Claim 1 , showing the changes made thereto, is attached. All claims, including those that are not amended herein, are set forth for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Three Times Amended) A recording medium comprising a substrate and an ink-receiving layer provided on the substrate, wherein the ink receiving layer comprises an alumina hydrate having a boehmite structure, an average particle thickness of 2.0 to 6.0 nm and a crystalline size of 5.0 to 8.0 nm in a direction of a (020) plane, the crystalline size being greater than the average particle thickness, and the recording medium has a degree of parallelization of 30 to 1,000.

2. (Not Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the degree of parallelization is 50 to 800.

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3. (Amended) The recording medium according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the maximum peak in the pore radius distribution of the ink-receiving layer is present within a range of from 5.0 to 10.0 nm, and the pore volume thereof is within a range of from 0.35 to 1.0 cm³/g.